

Now What? Life After the Cross - Life Group Curriculum

Week 3 – Commissioned to Live out the Supernatural

Opening questions: What do you think about when you hear the word, Supernatural?

Scripture Reading: John 14:12-14, Acts 1:8

Content and Meaning:

- According to John 14:12-14, Jesus suggests that we would do far greater things than He did. Do you believe this? Share with your group what your understanding of this passage is? What challenges you?
- In Acts 1:8, Jesus says, “ we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us...” Since becoming a follower of Jesus is empowerment something you have felt or experienced? If so, explain how....
- Notice that the empowerment comes in order for us to fulfill a great task. This task is to take the message (the Gospel) of Jesus to the ends of the earth. This is known as the Great Commission also known as witnessing.

Recap of last two Life Group Meetings:

Week 1 – Commissioned to make disciples and witness.

As a follow up to week 1, how and where are you with the names of people we prayed for?

Have you had the opportunity to share with them about Jesus? How did it go? What lessons learned?

Week 2 – Commissioned to Love one Another

As a follow up to week 2 – how do you see acts of love fulfilling The Great Commission. Read Matthew 10:4-42

Isn't it amazing that even as we extend our acts of services in the name of Jesus, we are participating in His plan for humanity? How does this make you feel?

The word commissioned is a noun and means, authority granted for a particular action or function. What were some of the take away experiences you had?

Meditation and Application:

Now that we have a better understanding of the teaching of these passages, let's go one step further. Let's focus on what these truths say for our hearts here and now, and how they can help us live moving forward.

- Oftentimes we consider the supernatural things of God as something unreachable or unattainable. The supernatural empowerment of God for our lives isn't to make us better than anyone else but rather to make us the best version of ourselves. In others words, “It's not about me being better than you, its about me being better than me.”
- In Acts 1:8 we are promised empowerment from above to fulfill God's plan for humanity. It's impossible to say we are disciples of Jesus and not desire to participate in His call for our lives. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1

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- Have you prayed specifically for God to give you spiritual gifts? Would you say you earnestly desire to experience God in a supernatural way?
- This concludes our Series, Now what? Life after the cross, and next week we begin a Series on the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the empowerment we all need to live out a supernatural life. Between this week and next week can you create the space in your daily prayer life to ask God to allow you to experience Him like you've never experienced Him before? Can you position yourself to seek His gifts for your life?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you for reminding us that the invitation to follow you is an invitation to a life of great significance. As we've taken a look at the empowerment you promised us as your children, our desire is to live a supernatural life. We also pray that our ego's and personalities not get in the way of what really matters which is to lead others to your Great Name. As a Life Group, as a Church and as individuals we want to experience you in ways we've not imagined. Your Word says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man, what You have prepared for those who love You." We hunger and thirst for more of you Jesus. Holy Spirit have your way in our lives. Amen!